

**TARGETING ORGANIZED PIRACY**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia held a hearing to examine the Strategy Targeting Organized Piracy (STOP!) initiative, established to stop trade in pirated and counterfeit goods, focusing on activities undertaken by STOP! to date, its effectiveness in coordinating Federal government efforts to combat intellectual property theft at home and abroad, and the Federal government's ability to recruit, train and retain the workforce necessary to implement STOP!, including the Administration's long-term strategic plan for STOP! and ways the initiative assists small business protect its intellectual property rights, receiving testimony from Jon W. Dudas, Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property, and Director, United States Patent and Trademark Office; Victoria Espinel, Acting Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Intellectual Property; Daniel Baldwin, Acting Assistant Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Laura H. Parsky, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Loren Yager, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; Brad Huther, United States Chamber of Commerce, and Franklin J. Vargo, National Association of Manufacturers, both of Washington, D.C.; and Jeffrey O. Evans, The Will-Burt Company, Orrville, Ohio.

Hearing recessed subject to call.

**FEDERAL BUDGETING**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Manage-

ment, Government Information, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine accountability and results in Federal budgeting, focusing on the specific metrics and tools used by the Office of Management and Budget to determine the effectiveness of Federal programs, the advantages and disadvantages of using these metrics, and how information provided by these metrics is being used to increase effectiveness and accountability in Federal budgeting, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; Clay Johnson, III, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; Eileen Norcross, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Fairfax, Virginia; and Beryl A. Radin, University of Baltimore, Baltimore, Maryland.

**PATENT LAW REFORM**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Intellectual Property concluded a hearing to examine injunctions and damages relating to patent law reform, focusing on prior user rights, the first-inventor-to-file system, and a life sciences perspective on patents, after receiving testimony from Carl E. Gulbrandsen, Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation, Madison; Jonathan Band, on behalf of Visa U.S.A. and The Financial Services Roundtable, and Jeffrey P. Kushan, Sidley Austin Brown and Wood, LLP, both of Washington, D.C.; Mark A. Lemley, Stanford Law School, Stanford, California; Chuck Fish, Time Warner, Inc., New York, New York; and J. Jeffrey Hawley, Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, New York, on behalf of the Intellectual Property Owners Association.

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# House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Measures Introduced:** 28 public bills, H.R. 2874-2901; 1 private bill, H.R. 2901; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 54; H. Con. Res. 177-178; and H.Res. 316-318 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 420, to amend Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to improve attorney accountability, amended (H. Rept. 109-123);

H.R. 800, to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers,

distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages or injunctive or other relief resulting from the misuse of their products by others, amended (H. Rept. 109-124);

H.R. 38, to designate a portion of the White Salmon River as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (H. Rept. 109-125);

H.R. 539, to designate certain National Forest System land in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, amended (H. Rept. 109-126);

H. Res. 315, providing for the consideration of H.R. 2863, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006 (H. Rept. 109–127);

H.R. 975, to provide consistent enforcement authority to the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Forest Service to respond to violations of regulations regarding the management, use, and protection of public lands under the jurisdiction of these agencies (H. Rept. 109–128, Pt. 1);

H.R. 599, to provide a source of funds to carry out restoration activities on Federal lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture, amended (H. Rept. 109–129, Pt. 1);

H.R. 554, to prevent legislative and regulatory functions from being usurped by civil liability actions brought or continued against food manufacturers, marketers, distributors, advertisers, sellers, and trade associations for claims of injury relating to a person's weight gain, obesity, or any health condition associated with weight gain or obesity, amended (H. Rept. 109–130); and

H.J. Res. 10, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States (H. Rept. 109–131);

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Westmoreland to act as speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:14 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m.

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**Science, State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 2006:** The House began consideration of H.R. 2862, making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006. Further consideration will continue tomorrow, June 15.

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Agreed to limit further amendments made in order for debate and the time limit for debate on such amendments.

**Pages H4472–73**

Agreed to:

Boswell amendment that increases funding for Community Oriented Policing Services;

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Jackson-Lee amendment that increases funding for Violence Against Women Prevention and Prosecution Programs (agreed to limit the time for debate on the amendment);

**Pages H4460–61**

Velázquez amendment that increases funding for administrative expenses to carry out direct and guar-

anteed loan programs in the Small Business Administration (agreed to limit the time for debate on the amendment) (by a recorded vote of 234 ayes to 189 noes, Roll No. 246);

**Pages H4449–56, H4468**

Baird amendment that increases funding for the DEA and for Community Oriented Policing Programs (agreed to limit the time for debate on the amendment) (by a recorded vote of 260 ayes to 168 noes, Roll No. 248);

**Pages H4458–60, H4469–70**

Dreier amendment (no. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of June 13) that increases funding for State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance (agreed to limit the time for debate on the bill) (by a recorded vote of 231 ayes to 195 noes, Roll No. 250); and

**Pages H4463–66, H4470–71**

Garrett of New Jersey amendment that increases funding for State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance.

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Rejected:

Obey amendment that sought to increase funding for State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance and for Community Oriented Policing Services (agreed to limit the time for debate on the amendment) (by a recorded vote of 196 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 244);

**Pages H4466–67**

Terry amendment that sought to increase funding for State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance (agreed to limit the time for debate on the amendment) (by a recorded vote of 175 ayes to 252 noes, Roll No. 245);

**Pages H4441–45, H4467–68**

Reichert amendment (no. 12 printed in the Congressional Record of June 13) that sought to increase funding for Community Oriented Policing Services (agreed to limit the time for debate on the amendment) (by a recorded vote of 130 ayes to 297 noes, Roll No. 247); and

**Pages H4456–58, H4468–69**

Stearns amendment (no. 16 printed in the Congressional Record of June 13) that sought to increase funding for Justice Assistance (agreed to limit the time for debate on the amendment) (by a recorded vote of 112 ayes to 316 noes, Roll No. 249).

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Withdrawn:

Issa amendment (no. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of June 13) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding for salaries and expenses of the Offices of the United States Attorneys;

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Davis of Illinois amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding for Community Oriented Policing Services; and

**Pages H4447–48**

Jackson-Lee amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding for Exploration Capabilities.

**Pages H4448–49**

Point of Order sustained against:

Obeys amendment that sought to increase funding for State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance, Community Oriented Policing Services, and for Economic Development Assistance Programs; and adds a new section to title VI regarding tax reductions.

**Pages H4438–41**

H. Res. 314, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nays vote of 222 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 243.

**Pages H4410–14**

**Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer:** Representative Nadler announced his intent to offer a resolution relating to a question of the privileges of the House.

**Pages H4414–15**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yeas-and-nays vote and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4414, H4466–67, H4467–68, H4468, H4468–69, H4469–70, H4470, H4470–71. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### BORDERS—TRAFFICKING IMPACT

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing entitled “Threat Convergence Along the Border: Will Drug Trafficking Techniques Provide Some Answers?” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Ralph Utley, Acting Director, Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement; Gregory Passic, Director, Office of Drug Interdiction, Customs and Border Protection; and John P. Torres, Deputy Assistant Director, Office of Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and Anthony Placido, Assistant Administrator, Intelligence, DEA; Department of Justice.

### QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT PROGRAM; FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS—GETTING FEDERAL HELP NEEDED

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2385, to make permanent the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the quarterly financial report program.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing entitled “Revitalizing Communities: Are Faith-Based Organizations Getting the Federal Help They Need?” Testimony was heard from Ryan Streeter, Director, Office of Faith-Based Initiatives, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

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### ELUSIVE ANTIDOTES

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing entitled “Elusive Antidotes: Progress Developing Chemical, Biological, and Nuclear (CBRN) Countermeasures.” Testimony was heard from Dale Klein, Assistant Secretary, Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs, Department of Defense; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH; and Stewart Simonson, Assistant Secretary, Public Health Emergency Preparedness; John Vitko, Jr., Director, Biological Countermeasures Portfolio, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

### REDUCING PAPERWORK BURDEN

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled “Reducing the Paperwork Burden on the Public: Are Agencies Doing All They Can?” Testimony was heard from Linda D. Koontz, Director, Information Management Issues, GAO; Kimberly T. Nelson, Assistant Administrator and Chief Information Officer, EPA; Patrick Pizzella, Assistant Secretary, Administration and Management, Department of Labor; Daniel P. Matthews, Chief Information Officer, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

### BRIEFING—CHEMICAL PLANT SECURITY

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment met in executive session to receive a briefing on Chemical Plant Security. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

### UNITED STATES AND SOUTH ASIA

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on the United States and South Asia. Testimony was heard from Christina B. Rocca, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South Asian Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

### UNITED NATIONS REFORM ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Testimony was heard from Chairman Hyde and Representatives McCotter, Poe, Shays, Cannon, Kline and Lantos, but action was deferred on H.R. 2745, United Nations Reform Act of 2005.